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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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**Chapter 54.****CHAP. 54.**

An act to amend section twenty of chapter one hundred and forty-three of the revised statutes, relating to the insane hospital.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. Section twenty of chapter one hundred and forty-three of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the seventh line of the first paragraph of said section, the words, "exceeding one dollar per week," so that said paragraph as amended shall read as follows :

R. S., chap. 143, sect. 20, relating to support of insane paupers at insane hospital, amended.

'Sect. 20. Any town thus made chargeable on the first instance and paying for the commitment and support of the insane at the hospital, may recover the amount paid of the insane, if able, or of persons legally liable for his support, or of the town where his legal settlement is, as if incurred for the expense of any pauper, but if he has no legal settlement in this state, such expenses shall be refunded by the state and the governor and council shall audit all such claims and draw their warrant on the treasurer therefor.'

As amended.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 28, 1872.

**Chapter 55.**

An act relating to the time of holding the December term of the court of county commissioners of Kennebec county.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

The December term of the court of county commissioners shall be held on the third Tuesday of December, annually, instead of the time now fixed by law.

December term of court of commissioners, Kennebec county.

Approved February 28, 1872.

**Chapter 56.**

An act supplementary to an act establishing school mill fund.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. Section five chapter eleven, school laws, is amended by substituting 'eighty cents' in place of "one dollar," so that the same shall read as follows :

R. S., chap. 11, sect. 5, relating to amount to be raised and expended for school purposes, amended.

'Sect. 5. Every city, town and plantation shall raise and expend,

**CHAP. 57.**

As amended.

annually, for the support of schools therein, a sum of money, exclusive of the income of any corporate school fund, or of any grant from the revenue or funds from the state, or of any voluntary donation, devise or bequest, or of any forfeiture accruing to the use of schools, not less than eighty cents for each inhabitant, according to the census of the state, by which representatives to the legislature were last apportioned, under penalty of forfeiting not less than twice, nor more than four times the amount of its deficiency; and no town which neglects to raise the amount of money required to be raised by this section, shall during the year in which such neglect occurs, receive any part of the state school fund, required to be apportioned to the several towns by the treasurer of state; *provided, however,* that all plantations shall be entitled to receive their part of the state school fund, when the inhabitants of such plantation shall have paid their part of all state and county taxes, and not otherwise.'

When to take effect.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect January first, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

Approved February 28, 1872.

**Chapter 57.**

An act to fix the compensation of the county commissioners of Kennebec county.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* as follows:

Compensation of county commissioners, Kennebec county.

SECT. 1. The pay of the county commissioners of Kennebec county shall be three dollars a day each for services while actually employed in official business, including the time necessarily spent in travelling and in making draughts, and shall receive for travel twelve cents a mile for the distance actually travelled.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 28, 1872.